

## OUR WISH LIST FOR OBAMA

It's the Chicago way: We helped get you into office, Barack, and now that you're President, we want a little payback. By **Alicia Eler**



### Lock Blago up and throw away the key

This one's a gimme: We're embarrassed by the pea-brained schemes allegedly attempted by Blagojevich, and the faster he's behind bars, the better you'll look, too.



### Run for the border

Sign your friend and Illinois Congressman Luis Gutierrez's law pushing for comprehensive immigration reform and a halt to immigration raids.



### Throw some cash at the CTA, already

You're all about improving infrastructure to create jobs, so let's start with the country's second-largest public transit system, which is the first-largest pain in the ass. Just think: Instead of dumping more money into highway construction, you could fulfill your greener fuel promises.



### Return the lady love

Keep Hillary's voters happy by making sure your health-care plan focuses on women. Here in Chicago, support local organizations that are already making a difference, such as the Chicago Women's Health Center.



### Fix Chicago's recycling

You're big on the environment, right? How about making Mayor Daley back up his claim that Chicago is the "greenest city in the U.S." and fix our recycling program. Why doesn't everyone have a recycling cart by now?



### Lead the gay way

You've promised to sign the Matthew Shepard Act, which would expand federal hate-crime laws to protect gays. High-five; that's awesome. But how about some extra love for us Illinois gays? Our civil-unions bill keeps getting delayed because the legislature's overburdened by things such as Blago's impeachment hearings and the \$2 billion state deficit. Can you please ask the House to spend, like, a day talking about this so that gays are ensured the right to visit their loved ones in the hospital?